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THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE PARTY

ITS AIM

THE ENROLLMENT OF 100,000 MEMBERS THIS YEAR
AND THE ATTAINMENT OF WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN
THE STATE OF NEW YORK WITHIN FIVE YEARS

SUFFRAGE HEARING AT ALBANY

THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE HEARING BEFORE THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF THE CAPITOL AT ALBANY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, AT 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

A PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE SAME HALL IN THE EVENING

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AN APPEAL

Sixty years of steady, patient educational work has matured the struggle for the enfranchisement of women into a mighty movement whose momentum is felt around the entire world. In 22 nations organized bodies are pressing the cause forward into public recognition and already the full suffrage has been gained for women in that great Democracy of Australia, in New Zealand, Finland, Norway and the little Isle of Man. In all things except the vote for Parliament, the women of England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Iceland, Sweden and Denmark have won the vote. In four Western States, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Idaho, the women are fully enfranchised.

Although the movement had its birth in this State, New York is a laggard in this democratic evolution. Since the renowned convention of Seneca Falls, in 1848, the cause has passed through many years of ridicule, despairing indifference, and brutal misconception, and has arrived at last at a point when the respectful discussion of the subject is presented in every newspaper and magazine. The time is surely ripe for the climax of the movement, the establishment of woman suffrage in the constitutional law of the State.

The method by which this may be accomplished is technically more difficult than that of any other country in the world. A bill authorizing the submission of the question to popular vote, must pass two successive Legislatures and at a general election the amendment thus submitted must receive a majority vote. In other lands the suffrage may be granted by a mere act of Parliament.

New York City possesses the most cosmopolitan population in the world. In its electorate, the representatives of every race, nationality and religion are to be found. From old world conditions, old time traditions concerning women have been imported with our immigrants. These difficulties must be overcome, honest doubts must be set at rest, the masses must be converted. The educational processes must be made to percolate throughout the city until the remotest man and woman have been reached. It is a stupendous undertaking, but our cause is just and it can and will be won.

A group of workers here and there with spasmodic, desultory effort cannot win this fight for human justice; therefore the suffrage organizations of New York City have united to form a Woman Suffrage Party, with intent to organize the suffragists of each Assembly District with an elected leader for each district, and with captains in each of the 1000 Election Districts in the Great City. This program has been adopted in order to unify and systematize the effort to educate the public and to make political work logical and effective. By such means only, can we carry our gospel of righteousness to every voter, and to every voter's wife and daughter. By

such means only shall we be able to demonstrate to legislator and voter the genuine demand for the ballot which exists in this city.

Our platform is so broad that any believer in woman suffrage may conscientiously stand upon it. Our first aim is numbers; and therefore we demand no dues and no definite work of our members. Yet the most casual observer must know that if our difficult task is to be performed, the indifferent believers must be transformed into active workers, and active workers into consecrated Standard Bearers. Our cause will triumph, but only at the cost of the tireless labor and the self denial of many, many believers.

We appeal to you, the suffrage public, therefore, for the encouragement and help the movement needs. Do not stand back and wait in silence to discover what success the Woman Suffrage Party attains; do not forestall the future by criticism of the mistakes you anticipate will be made, but join it now and help to make it meet your own ideal. No movement was ever inaugurated with purer motive, more unselfish purpose, and with greater hope of speedy and gratifying results, than the WOMAN SUFFRAGE PARTY. Its success depends upon the number and the activity of its friends.

We have set our stint at a $10,000 campaign fund. We appeal to you for contributions. Will you not sign the financial coupon on the last page and send it to our Headquarters?

We have set our stint at a membership of 100,000. Therefore we need YOU. Will you not sign the coupon on the last page enrolling yourself a member and send it to Headquarters?

We need 1,000 Election Captains. Will you be one?

We need volunteer workers to enroll members, to direct envelopes, to fold literature, to assist at meetings, etc. Will you help? "A long pull, a hard pull and a pull altogether" is the need of the hour. The great Cause of Woman's Enfranchisement calls you; will you not heed the call?

THE CITY COMMITTEE.

OUR COMMON CAUSE

A few week ago, in a small city in one of the middle western States, it became the duty of a certain Common Pleas Judge to pronounce sentence on several city and county officials convicted of grafting. This Judge, an upright man, possessed of old-fashioned ideas of honor, really believing that public office is a sacred trust, believing, too, in punishment (how could he be a Judge, indeed, and not believe in that?) gave his most serious thought to the consideration of a penalty which should fit the crime. He wished to establish a precedent which would deter men fro 1 such evil acts in the future, as well as to mete out to these malefactors their justly earned reward.

At last he had it! He knew what he would do.

The night before he was to give his decision, the chief counsel for the accused visited him, to learn, if possible, what the sentence was to be. The Judge told him. The attorney, famed as a criminal lawyer beyond the borders of his own State, a veteran of many legal battles, a man seldom surprised and less often disconcerted, gasped.

"Not that," he pleaded, "not that! Give them a penitentiary sentence which we may have commuted later."

But the old-fashioned Judge replied serenely, "I have spoken."

The next morning he pronounced the sentence—the sentence from the DISGRACE OF WHICH their attorney had pleaded that his clients SHOULD BE SAVED BY BEING SENT TO STATE'S PRISON, the sentence which was to brand them as with the mark of Cain, which was to make them aliens in their own city and country, that sentence which has ever been reserved for arch traitors—*Perpetual Disfranchisment.*

The Woman Suffrage Party calls upon the women of Greater New York to ponder on this story, and in the name of the lesson it teaches to unite in the cause of woman's political freedom.

Divided by class interests, separated by social custom, cut off from each other by the lack of a universal language, *the women of this city cannot get together by reason of the things which they have.* Paradoxical it may sound, but true it is, that *the only thing they have in common is the thing which they* HAVE NOT.

In the name, then, of this common disability, the Woman Suffrage Party calls again upon the women of New York to unite. To unite—not to-morrow, not next week, but NOW—and, united, to proclaim that the sentence of the women of this State and this city shall not be

PERPETUAL DISFRANCHISEMENT.

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OPENING OF HEADQUARTERS

Three years ago, on February the 15, the birthday of Susan B. Anthony, a modest Woman Suffrage Headquarters was opened in the Martha Washington Hotel by the Interurban Woman Suffrage Council. In dedicating that Headquarters to the service of Woman Suffrage, the Chairman said: "We open it because the work has become too burdensome to be conducted any longer from our homes. We dedicate this spot to the Progress of Woman Suffrage and we pledge ourselves that a Woman Suffrage Headquarters shall be maintained in this City until the vote has been granted to the Woman of New York."

Meanwhile the Movement has received a powerful impetus onward. The Equal Franchise Society, Mrs. Mackay, President, has its own Headquarters at 1 Madison Avenue. The League for Self-Supporting Woman, Mrs. Blatch, President, maintains a Headquarters at 43 East 27th Street. The Collegiate Equal Suffrage League, Miss Ashley, President, has just opened Headquarters at 20 East 33d Street. The National Woman Suffrage Association, a federation of State Associations, Miss Shaw, President, and the N. Y. State Association, Mrs. Crossett, President, have Headquarters at 505 Fifth Avenue, as has Mrs. Belmont's Political Equality Association. The Suffragettes have Heaquarters at 122 East 23d Street.

THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE PARTY will formally open its Headquarters on the 21st floor of the Metropolitan Tower on Monday, February 14th. Its four rooms are designed for hard service, and the work it will do combined with that of all the Suffrage Headquarters in this City spells VICTORY. Ignorance prejudice, tradition—these are our oponents. The intelligence of the 20th Century should make short work with them.

For information concerning City work, call or write to room 212, Metropolitan Tower.

HEARING AT ALBANY

A special train will be provided to take delegates and visitors from New York City to and from Albany. for the Woman Suffrage hearing before the joint legislative Committee on March 9. If there are less than 100 persons the rate will be $5.80; if 200 the rate will be $4.30. Parlor car seats are 75 cents each way.

The train will leave the Grand Central station at 8.35 a. m., March 9, arriving in Albany at 12 o'clock noon. The train will leave Albany for New York at 7 o'clock in the evening, provided that 100 return on that train. Otherwise delegates and visitors will have to return on the regular trains.

Luncheon or supper or both may be had at the Ten Eyck Hotel, the price depending upon the number participating. Rooms for the night may be had at reduced rates.

As terms depend upon numbers, kindly send in your name.

Do you wish parlor car seats? Do you wish to remain overnight? Do you wish to return on the special train at 7 o'clock p. m.? Do you wish lunch or supper or both at the hotel?

MARY G. HAY,
Chairman Excursion Arrangements,
Woman Suffrage Party Headquarters,
No. 1 Madison Avenue.

OUR LEGISLATORS

The woman suffrage bill was introduced into the Senate by Senator Hill, of Buffalo, and into the House by Assemblyman Toombs, of the Seventeenth in Manhattan. Both bills have been referred to the judiciary Committees of their respective houses and the hearing, on March 9th, will take place before both committees in joint session.

All members of the Legislature have been interviewed concerning their atittude toward this measure. As a whole the Legislature is neither for nor against woman suffrage; the majority are non-committal. A few years ago interviewers were met with decidedly opposed views, and were forced to argue points on one or more of the familiar objections. Now few arguments or objections are heard, and those which are advanced seem to be put forth as a prevention from actual commitment to the cause. Apparently the reason of our members has been convinced, but the idea is still unwelcome. Hence the hedge, to evade, to plead for time, to lay responsibility on political parties, is the present day program.

A few opinions of our legislators may prove enlightening:

No. 1. I do not know how I shall vote: I shall do as my leader tells me.

No. 2. I shall wait to be instructed by my party.

No. 3. I do not care to commit myself.

No. 4. I am heartly in favor and will do all I can to get the bill through the House.

No. 5. I shall certainly vote against the bill. No women in my district want to vote. As nearly as I can learn, it is only a few rich women who want to vote anyway and they want it because they are tired of other fads.

No. 6. (Up-state member to another member:) "Now you know perfectly well campaign funds are harder and harder to get, and since Roosevelt began to fire away at the trusts, political money is scarcer than ever. Yet our own party men will not turn out and vote unless they have two or three dollars apiece, and how are we going to raise the money to buy the votes of all the women? I think too much of my party to put such a responsibility upon it, and I shall vote against the bill"

No. 7. Oh, it is just enough, of course, and women will have the vote when they want it, but they do not want it and I shall vote against the measure.

Q. May I ask if all men desired to vote before they were enfranchised? History says they were quite as indifferent as women.

No. 8. I do not see as that has anything to do with the case. Men have to vote now and do not propose to give it to women.

No. 9. "I think man should be the head of the house and if women could vote they would lose that job pretty quick. We've got to keep the women in the places the Lord meant them for and that does not include voting."

These are actually expressed opinions, given by members of the Legislature in interviews with members of the Woman Suffragette Party. From time to time The Woman Voter will print other examples of the remarkable mental processes of the men who make our laws.

What the Press say of the Woman Suffrage Party:

WOMAN SUFFRAGE WITH A "MACHINE"

From the New York *World.*

The Woman Suffrage Party having adopted a platform and effected a regular organization is now to be reckoned with as a political force.

It now possesses all the party machinery necessary for the conduct of a campaign, having a Central Committee with a City Chairman at its head, district leaders in all but a few of the Assembly districts of Manhattan and active workers in all the boroughs, together with new facilities for getting out the votes. It would be invidious to say it has a boss, but in Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, City Chairman, the party has a capable executive.

In a word, it has a "machine," and having that invaluable foundation for efficient campaigning, its opportunities have been largely increased. Given that the machine operates harmonious, the woman's party will be in a position to make deals with the older parties, to exercise a direct political influence and to "accelerate" its propaganda by the most approved methods. The suffragists are to be congratulated on their new tactics. They have progressed from the chrysalis stage, and are now a full-blow party. They have put aside the millinery and pink-tea features of the movement and have essayed a trial of the practical workings of politics, from which they may reasonably expect to get results.

WHAT IS GOING ON.

MANHATTAN BOROUGH

Saturday Feb. 5th.—Wadleigh High School Political Equality League. 2:30 P. M., residence of Mrs. Chapman Catt. 2 West 86th Street.

Thursday, Feb. 10th.--Lecture at Garden Theatre, 4 P. M. Equal Franchise Society. Miss Ethel Arnold, Mrs. Gabrielle Stewart Mulliner.

Friday, Feb. 11th.—Suffrage Day at Woman's Democratic Club, Waldorf Astoria, 3 P. M. Lecture at Berkeley Theatre, Collegiate Equal Suffrage League, 3:30 P. M. Mr. W. I. Thomas, of University of Chicago. Assembly District No. 15, 4 P. M. Residence Mrs. Frederick Nathan, 162 West 86th Street.

Monday, Feb. 14th.—Formal Opening Headquarters WOMAN SUFFRAGE PARTY, Room 212, Metropolitan Tower.

Tuesday, Feb. 15th.—Lecture Berkeley Theatre, Collegiate Equal Suffrage League, 8:30 P. M. W. I. Thomas, of the University of Chicago. Co-operative Service League, 505 Fifth Avenue, 8:15 P. M.

Wednesday, Feb. 16th.—Lecture at residence of Mrs. Villard, 117 West 57th Street, 4 P. M. Evolution of the Woman Suffrage Movement, Ida Husted Harper.

Sunday, Feb. 27th.—Mass meeting in Carnegie Hall. Women's Committee New York Socialist Party; speakers Franklin H. Wentworth, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Rose Schneiderman.

BROOKLYN BOROUGH.

Tuesday, Feb. 8th.—Urban Club; Suffrage day, speaker, Mrs. Villard.

Tuesday, Feb. 15th.—Y. W. C. A. Hall, Brooklyn Woman Suffrage Association, 3 P. M. Speaker, Carrie Chapman Catt.

Wednesday, Feb. 16th.—Hart's Hall, Gates Avenue near Broadway. Bedford Political Equality League for the 5th Assembly District. Good speakers.

Friday, Feb. 18th.—8 P. M. Stuyvesant Casino, 142 Second Avenue. Suffrage Concert and Ball, East Side Equal Rights League.

RICHMOND BOROUGH.

Monday, Feb. 28th.—Borough Convention, West New Brighton. Conference of workers in the morning. Public meeting in the afternoon.

QUEENS BOROUGH.

Wednesday, Feb. 2nd.—Jamaica Woman Suffrage Club.

Thursday, Feb. 3rd. Flushing Woman Suffrage Club.

Wednesday, March 2nd. Queens Borough Convention, Jamaica Conference of workers in the morning. Public meeting in the afternoon.

BRONX BOROUGH.

A mass meeting under the auspices of the Equal Franchise Society wiil be held in the Bronx during the month of February. Definite announcements will be made later.

THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE PARTY

CITY OFFICERS

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Assembly District No. 31—Dr. Helen Knight, 35 Mount Morris Park West.

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Assembly District No. 32—Mrs. Margaret Moore, Bronx Place, Wakefield, N. Y. C.
Assembly District No. 33—Miss Mabel Sears, 493 E. 162nd St.
Assembly District No. 34—Mrs. Martha Poucher, Clinton Ave.
Assembly District No. 35—Miss Kate A. Tunney, 2158 Washington Ave.

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Assembly District No. 1—Miss Mary Buckley, 274 Jay St.
Assembly District No. 2—Miss S. Stevenson, 16 Court St.
Assembly District No. 3—Miss Amy Wren, 215 Montague St.
Assembly District No. 4—Mrs. Rose Brunner, 103 Wilson St.
Assembly District No. 5—Miss Mildred Bennett, 964 Greene Ave.
Assembly District No. 6—Dr. Anna Martin King, 494 Willoughby Ave.
Assembly District No. 7—Miss Mary E. Keegan, 634 Third Ave.
Assembly District No. 9—Mrs. Mame Fry, 1216 Fourty-ninth St.
Assembly District No. 10—Mrs. D. F. Barker, 87 Lafayette St.
Assembly District No. 11—Dr. Charlotte Wolly, 676 Prospect Pl.
Assembly District No. 12—Mrs. Anna M. French, 496 Third Ave.
Assembly District No. 13—Mrs. Agnes Crowell, 978 Lorimer St.
Assembly District No. 14—Dr. Emma A. Antonius, 108 Newell St.
Assembly District No. 16—Mrs. Margaret McGill, 1642 E. 13th St.
Assembly District No. 17—Miss Lenda Hanks, Girls High School, Nostrand Ave. and Halsey St.
Assembly District No. 20—Miss Ida David, 29 Woodbine St.
Assembly District No. 21—Mrs. Hussey, 341 S. 5th St.

RICHMOND BOROUGH.

Assembly District No. 1—Mrs. Otis Wilcox.

QUEENS BOROUGH.

Assembly District No. 2—Mrs. H. P. Huling, 51 Elmhurst Ave., Elmhurst.
Assembly District No. 3—Mrs. Richard Mail, Far Rockaway.
Assembly District No. 4—Mrs. Cora Perry Hamilton, 36 Park Ave., Jamaica, L. I.

CAMPAIGN FUND

If you are interested in the campaign of THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE PARTY to secure the ballot for women, fill out and sign the following blank and mail it to Mrs. Richard Aldrich, Treasurer, Room 212, Metropolitan Tower. The amount may be sent with the pledge, or at a date to suit the giver.

I hereby pledge myself to contribute ..... *to the $10,000 Campaign Fund of the WOMAN SUFFRAGE PARTY, to be expended in securing the political enfranchisement of woman, the sum of*

$.....

Name.....

Address.....

.....

Date.....

ENROLLMENT

If you believe that women should vote and are willing to enroll as a helper in THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE PARTY, sign the blank below and mail it to the City Chairman, One Madison Avenue.

THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE PARTY

A Union for political work of existing Equal Suffrage Organizations in the City of New York.

Room 212, Metropolitan Tower.

I, ...

of ..... *Street,* ..... *City. believing that women as well as men should vote, hereby join the WOMAN SUFFRAGE PARTY, with the understanding that it is non-partisan in character, and that this action does not interfere with my regular political affiliations.*

Assembly District No...... *Election District*.....